



MARK ANNIVERSARIES . . . Three employees at U.S. Steel's Torrance Works are congratulated by William G. Davis (second from right), general superintendent, upon completion of 40 years service. Each of the three received a 40-year pin and a watch. Honored were (from left) Arthur D. Simpson of Redondo Beach, Donald W. Hamilton of Torrance, and Jessie W. Dodson, of Lawndale.

Around the World with Stan Delaplane

NEW YORK—All the foreign government tourist offices have headquarters in New York. (You find them in the yellow section of the Manhattan phone book.) If you are breaking your trip to Europe here, it's worth making the rounds of countries you are going to. They have more maps, pamphlets and background than their offices in the home countries.

Example: British Travel at 680 Fifth Ave. will GIVE you pamphlets on famous castles of Great Britain. If you go into the London office at 64 St. James's St., they charge you for them.

All of these offices are within a four-block area or closer. Mainly around Rockefeller Center.

"We are having dinners at our church featuring different countries. Would the tourist offices of these countries send us posters for decoration?"

I'd write the airlines serving the countries—address it to Public Relations. These are the people who have to fill those airplane seats. They hope you'll sometime fly with them. (Start with Pan American, TWA and BOAC.)

A Thousand-and-One Travelers' Tales: "You goofed. From my own experience, Portugal and Spain do NOT require International Drivers' Licenses." I called AAA who agrees and says you don't need such licenses for any European country. But they "advise" having one. Why? Well, they say it might cut red tape if you had an accident. (I think what they mean is the International License

Libraries Record Big Gains Here

Torrance libraries have begun the new year with an increase of almost 10 per cent in circulation over the comparable figures for 1967, according to a report issued by County Librarian William S. Geller.

Total circulation for the five libraries serving the city was placed at \$2,315, compared to \$7,414 for the same month last year.

Geller said the county system showed an unprecedented January circulation of more than a million books and magazines throughout the county.

Actual figures for the five Torrance branches (with 1967 figures in parentheses) were: Downtown Torrance, 22,993 (20,887); Isabel Henderson, 12,257 (11,325); El Retiro, 9,911 (8,948); North Torrance, 9,606 (9,556); and WALTERIA, 7,628 (6,696).

Torrance will begin independent operation of the libraries here next month. Official take-over of the entire Torrance system is expected to be complete by July 1, according to Russell West, city librarian.

looks more impressive to the investigating cop.)

"Where could I stay for a year in Mexico and go to art school?"

The best known place is Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto, Mexico—and they'll send you a folder. (I hear this American colony town has a supermarket now which should help. That Indian street market was awfully high.)

I have had folders from an art school at Patzcuaro, a very pretty Indian town in the Michoacan lake country. Two good country inns there. But I have no idea how good or permanent the school is.

Some of the problems of Mexico: You write about a good restaurant. They sell it and change the cook. You write about a good hotel. They get a lot of mail and raise the rates. I wrote about a good pozole place in Mexico City. They got a lot of business, and it bugged them so they just closed up.

If you buy one hat in the market, you'll be able to get a good price. If you ask the man to make you ten more, he'll RAISE the price. You're making a lot of work for him. When you get used to this, that's why you'll like Mexico.

"Does a service or tip charge go on all restaurant bills in France?"

Any restaurant that gives you a hand-written bill. Exceptions are the sidewalk cafes where your bill usually is the printed slip from the cash register. On it will be printed, "Service non compris"—meaning the service is not included.

But don't worry about it. If the service is "non compris," the waiter will make it clear before you walk away without tipping him. France looks on tips as a rightful charge, not a gesture of appreciation. I had a taxi driver follow me into my hotel to complain I had not tipped him the proper amount. And the hotel people agreed with him.

"Can you advise us about weather and clothing to wear. The weather in London is always the worst in the world. In April you can expect rain, snow, hail or sun—I got into snow in London one Easter. The English weather changes from hour to hour. And it gives you an idea that the weather bureau (dial WEA) does not say "cloudy" or "rain." They say, "Occasional bright periods." That's optimism.

"My son is in Hong Kong from Vietnam and would like to have suits made . . ."

Send him to Jimmy Chen, 12 A Cameron Road, Kowloon side. There are a thousand tailors in Hong Kong. But most of my newspaper correspondent friends go to Jimmy—who is popular enough he now calls himself "The Original Jimmy Chen." In any case, he won't do those "we-make-in-24-hours" suits. Allow him at least five days and a fitting each day.

Employees Honored By Firm

Ten employees of U.S. Steel's Torrance Works reached employment anniversaries with the company.

William G. Davis, general superintendent, made presentations to three 40-year employees: Arthur D. Simpson, cost accountant, of 215 S. Lucia Ave., Redondo Beach; Jessie W. Dodson, mechanic, of 1019 Cota Ave.; and Donald W. Hamilton, finisher, of 4311 W. 168th St.

Attaining 35 years were Evelyn Lanz, secretary, of Redondo Beach, and George W. Licht, a guide fitter, of 1618 W. 216th St.

Congratulated for 25 years' service were Mary T. Emery, accounting, of Lawndale; Mary E. Lott, accounting, of Torrance; Harold Z. Green, crane helper, of 16941 Halldale Ave.; Arthur R. Vega, rolling mill, of 1669 W. 213th St.; and Victorio Pacheco, a furnace charger, of 20822 Shearer St.

Narcotics Topic for TV Shows

"Narcotics and Drug Abuse" will be the topic of five Harbor College TV programs produced for SCOPE, a KABC-TV educational program. Running consecutively, Harbor's programs will begin tomorrow and continue through Friday. Air time is 7 a.m.

Each day a different aspect of the narcotics problem will be presented. Lieutenant Uluse E. Schubach will discuss the legal aspects and apprehension of drug users, with Lieutenant Rudolf DeLeon under the topic of "Narcotics: Suppression and Enforcement." Both men are representing the San Pedro Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. They also teach police science courses at the College.

"Motivation for the Use of Drugs," and "Why Drugs Are Used" will be the subjects of Harbor College psychology instructor Robin L. DeVour's talks. Registered nurse Mary K. Stanley will discuss "Medical Effects." Concluding the series, Edward Robins, assistant dean of student personnel, will speak on "Student Behavior Patterns."

Harbor College will produce five more shows for the SCOPE program to be taped March 25 and aired April 15 through 19. These five programs will be under the supervision of Richard Bernard and will be concerned with off-campus activities affecting on-campus activities, such as the VISTA program.

English Today Topic of Talk

Dr. William W. West, associate professor of education at Syracuse University, will speak to Torrance teachers on the status of English today and on the impact of the new linguistic movement.

The meeting will be next Monday at 3:30 p.m. at West High School, Room 5213.

Foster Families Needed

The Torrance Chapter of the American Field Service is currently looking for families that would like to provide foster homes for foreign exchange students.

Parents of Torrance High School students who wish to participate in the AFS program should contact Ray Brown, home placement chairman for the local chapter, or Mrs. Ed Dahlen, home placement chairman for Torrance High School.

Foster parents must be at least 37 years old and must have a child who is attending Torrance High. Separate sleeping facilities and a place to study for the guest student are among the requirements of foster homes.

Spring Classes To Begin

Enrollment is still open for spring semester classes at the Banning, Carson, and Narbonne Adult Schools, according to Arthur McIntyre, principal.

Students who wish to enroll should consult a counselor at the adult school of office, 1500 N. Avalon Blvd., any Monday through Thursday. Counselors are available between 1 and 9:30 p.m.

Among classes being offered this semester are auto mechanics, machine shop, wood-working, business machines, typewriting, shorthand, bookkeeping, and French.

A special class in seamanship also is being offered during the semester. Most classes meet at 7 p.m.

Students who are working for a high school diploma do not pay tuition.

Teachers To Present Concert

A few years ago they were teacher and pupil. Now they are both members of the faculty of the University of Southern California School of Music and will play a scholarship fund benefit recital together in Hancock Auditorium next Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

They are Mme. Alice Ehlers of 416 Calle Mayor, emeritus professor of music, and Malcolm Hamilton of 18118 Colman Ave., Gardena, assistant professor of piano.

Both harpsichordists, they will play two concertos and a sonata by J. S. Bach, a sonata by J. C. Bach and pieces by Couperin and Gaspard LeRoux.

Scholarship Awarded to Area Youth

Thomas Albrecht, a senior and president of the student body at Harbor Christian High School, has been awarded a \$75 scholarship and a reference Bible in a national Bible quiz.

Albrecht, of 1057 Flat St., participated in local, divisional, and district quiz run-offs with a Southern California team. The national quiz is held each year during the International Convention of Foursquare Churches.

Young Albrecht attends Lomita Foursquare Church and plans to go to Life Bible College in Los Angeles to prepare for the ministry.

Stamp Club To Select '68 Officers

The Torrance Stamp Club will elect new officers for 1968 at its meeting Monday evening. Offices to be filled are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and auditor.

Choking Accidents Pose Danger For Children, Denture Wearers

Children under five and adults who wear dentures are especially in danger from choking accidents, according to Roger Plaisted, Director, Safety Services, Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Plaisted said last year 1,200 persons died of choking. "Some 750 of them were infants and other children under five; another 410 persons from the age of 45 on—many of them wearers of dentures—also choked to death," he said.

Through its first aid courses offered regularly, the Red Cross gives special attention to the prevention of such accidents, Miss Ruth Morgan of Gardena, Red Cross southern district safety services chairman, said.

"PERSONS interested in enrolling in a first aid course can obtain information on class schedules by calling the nearest Red Cross Service Center," Miss Morgan said.

Medical authorities believe that a number of other deaths were the result of choking but went unidentified because autopsies were not performed, Plaisted pointed out.

Among young children, Plaisted said, the danger arises to a great extent from the fact that infants do not get all their baby teeth until they are two years old, and the chewing habit is not firmly established until age four.

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Firms Agree on Plane Contract

Wing Aircraft Co. has announced that it has entered into an agreement with Olin-Dixon, Inc., of Coffeyville, Kan., for the production of an initial order of 225 Derringer aircraft.

The Derringer is a small, twin-engine airplane aimed at the business and personal aircraft market. Deliveries of the Derringer to Wing Aircraft under the agreement are scheduled to commence next November.

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